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Titanic Whistles sound for one last time

One of the nation's most historic events took place Saturday, February 20, in Saint Paul at 4:05 p.m. The whistles from the Titanic blew for the first time since April 15, 1912, the night the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank in the North Atlantic with a loss of 1,500 passengers and crew.



A Titanic whistle in its current shape as it was transported back to Saint Paul after undergoing significant testing.



Titanic whistles as they stood outside the Union Depot.

The whistles were sounded Saturday for 10 seconds by 4 members of the public whose names were chosen from a drawing that took place at Titanic: The Exhibition. The lucky winners were Mary Amdahl and Elizabeth Brzoska, both of Saint Paul; John Anderson, of Bemidji; and Pilar Aronguren, of Rochester. The whistles were sounded for another 10 seconds with the help of Mayor Norm Coleman, George Tulloch, President of RMS Titanic, Inc., and Dick Anfang, Executive Secretary of the Building and Construction Trades Council.

The whistles, which contain three bells, weigh approximately 750 pounds. They're the largest whistles ever made, before or since that time. This is only the sixteenth time the whistles have been sounded.

How did the whistles get to Saint Paul?

Four weeks ago, Erich Mische, Executive Vice President of Media Rare, Inc., a sponsor of Titanic: The Exhibition, discussed the idea of blowing the whistles with George Tulloch, President of RMS Titanic, Inc., the public company that is the guardian of the wreck of Titanic and her artifacts. RMS Titanic, Inc., agreed to pursue the sounding of the whistles provided that extensive scientific examination and testing would first be conducted.

The whistles of Titanic were then brought to Braun Intertec Corporation, an Eden Prairie-based testing facility, where they underwent extensive cobalt x-rays to examine the metallurgical condition of the whistles, as well as their overall structure. Analysis suggested that the whistles could be examined further to determine if they could be sounded. **Whistles continued on page 3.**

State of the City address set for March 23

The State of the City address is scheduled for March 23 at the Saturn School, downtown. The time is yet to be determined. This year's address will review the accomplishments of the last five years as well as lay out Mayor Coleman's vision for the next three years. "There will be a well-known guest musical artist at the address," said Brian Sweeny, Director of Strategic Policy in the Mayor's office. "This will be a celebration of the art of City building."

Saint Paul
Celebrating 150 Years

Free Seminars!

Help yourself to better health! A healthy lifestyle can prevent many health problems, and can stop other problems from becoming serious. Many City employees were ready to help improve their health when Lifetime Fitness, HealthPartners, and the City introduced the year-long Partners for Fitness program in November of 1998. Two hundred employees registered for their personalized health and fitness program, which was designed to motivate and support their efforts to become more fit, healthier, and more energetic.

Partners for Fitness participants are eligible for quarterly incentives. Congratulations to Maureen Foley who just won a Life Fitness Life Step machine valued at \$4,500! Future winners will be posted on the City's intranet.

A key component of the Partners for Fitness program is now available to all City employees at three conveniently located Lifetime Fitness facilities. Each month Lifetime Fitness will host two Healthy Living seminars. The seminars are open to all City of Saint Paul employees and their families, and employees do not need to be members of Lifetime Fitness to attend! When you arrive, just notify the front desk staff that you are attending the Partners for Fitness seminar. If you have any questions about the seminars, please call the downtown Saint Paul Lifetime Fitness club at 651-227-7777.

March Seminar: Creating Life Balance: Easing Your Stress

Centered on the Life Balance Pyramid, this session will help you to restore a sense of well-being and balance in your life. Learn the six areas of the pyramid—immediate coping skills, joys, physical nourishment, emotional well-being, social connection, and life-long foundations.

April Seminar: Walk Your Way to Fitness

Walking...it's easy, it's cheap, it's convenient. But have you ever wondered how to walk for "physical fitness?" What's the correct technique? What should you wear to go walking? How far and how fast should you walk? This seminar will answer those questions and more! Learn the benefits of walking and proper warm-up and cool-down technique.

March 9	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Downtown	Creating Life Balance: Easing Your Stress
March 25	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Highland Park	Creating Life Balance: Easing Your Stress
April 14	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Downtown	Walk Your Way to Fitness
April 22	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Woodbury	Walk Your Way to Fitness

Pioneer Party Calendar

The City is celebrating its sesquicentennial by having 150 Pioneer Parties throughout 1999. Dates and locations of Pioneer Parties will be announced on the City's web page, www.stpaul.gov/activities/stpaul150, Pioneer Press Express section, on KS95, and on KSTP AM 1500.

Join in Saint Paul's 150th birthday celebration.

Stop by these upcoming parties:

Thur., Feb 25
Cafe' da Vinci

Thur., Mar. 4
Ryan's Rock Club

Tues., Mar. 2
Highland Grill

Sat., Mar. 6
Schwietz Saloon



A sample of the 150 unique buttons which will be handed out at each of the Pioneer Parties. The buttons feature photos taken from the Pioneer Press archives. Attend the Pioneer Parties and collect all 150.



Whistles, continued

The whistles were then delivered to The Kanlenberg Brothers Company, a fourth generation, family-owned business, in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, that has been testing and manufacturing whistles since 1895. Upon completion, the results of the tests were delivered to George Tulloch of



Close to 50,000 onlookers watched the sounding of the Titanic whistle's.



One of the Titanic's great triple-toned bronze whistles, which was retrieved from the wreck site in

RMS Titanic, Inc. Tulloch then gave permission for the whistles to be heard at a future date.

In a press conference February 9, the day the whistles were returned to Saint Paul, Mayor Norm Coleman received a telegram from Tulloch announcing the event. The whistles would be heard one last time Saturday, February 20, 1999. This was the last time the whistles would be sounded in fear of damaging them. The whistles will thus go down in history as another mystery of the Titanic. The whistles will be on display until April 30 at "Titanic: The Exhibition" at the Union Depot.

Resident's Guides still available

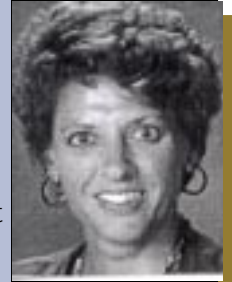
The 1999 Resident's Guides are available in 170 City Hall. This handbook is a quick guide to many important City offices. If you would like a copy for yourself or your neighborhood group, contact Erin Wood at 266-8685 or erin.wood@stpaul.gov.

Volunteer opportunities on the web

Looking for volunteer opportunities? Looking for volunteers for your event or organization? In response to requests for volunteer information, a new page has been added to the City of Saint Paul web site. The new volunteer web site is located at www.stpaul.gov/neighborhoods/volunteer. This site has information on volunteer opportunities and can aid in searching for volunteers for an event or organization. Questions about this web site may be forwarded to Leah Otto, Assistant Director of Marketing and Promotions, at 266-6646.

Employee Spotlight

Julie Rust, Saint Paul Police Department Records Supervisor, has for the past seven Christmases collected food and clothing for the less fortunate. Julie is not only a valued asset to the Police



Department but to the community as well. This year Julie invited all City offices to contribute to the Trinity Mission on Saint Paul's East Side. The drive was a huge success and touched many people. One of the recipients of Julie's generosity wrote, "The thought that someone as important as you people remembered us, made some of us cry." Look for e-mail from Julie this spring, when she takes on a summertime donation drive.

On the Calendar

Friday, February 26, 11:30 - 1:30
Celebrate Black History Month
Film, vendors, and food by Big Daddy's restaurant. Basement of City Hall.

Friday February 26-28
"First I Dream" Presented by Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre. A new work on the life of Mexican poet Sor Juana. The O'Shaughnessy Auditorium at The College of St. Catherine. Fri and Sat, 8 p.m.; Sun, 2 p.m.. Adults, \$18-\$21; students, \$10-\$13. 651-690-6700.

Friday April 2, Karl Neid Award Deadline. This is the last day to submit applications for the Karl Neid Community Involvement Award. For more information contact Darlyne Morrow, 266-8525.



Think Saint Paul Lectures

Think Saint Paul is a series of lectures designed to engage members of the downtown community in discussions about timely topics in the arts and sciences through both face-to-face seminars and electronic exchange of thoughts and ideas. Each series is based on a central theme. These lectures may benefit employees by refreshing thinking and expanding horizons about topics that influence the way we live.

Another distinctive feature of this series is a web site, which is designed as an electronic forum for discussion and debate about issues raised in the series. In addition this Web site will contain valuable information and resources to enable participants to explore related topics of interest. This Web site is located at www.stthomas.edu.

There is no registration for the seminars, which take place in Jerome Hill Theater of the US Bank and Trust Center. For more information call Michael Winter at 651-962-5375. Upcoming seminars include:

Wednesday, February 10, noon The Mechanism of Mind: What do we look for? (How do we know when we find it?) Dwight Nelson, Department of Biology, St. Thomas. How similar is neural activity to activities of computer circuits? How do neurons learn? Can brain cells make decisions? Is there room for free will within the brain's biology? Dwight Nelson will provide an introduction and overview for consciousness, free will and intelligence within the biology of the brain.

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150 Trivia

Each week a trivia question about the history of Saint Paul will appear in the Update with answers appearing in the following issue.

February 26 issue's trivia question:

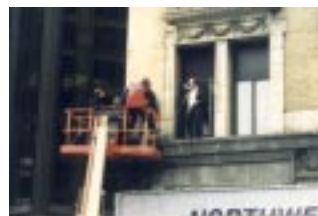
Q: When did the first automobile appear on the streets of Saint Paul?

Last issue's trivia question (February 12)

Q: When was the first air flight in Saint Paul?

A: 9/22/1857; the hot-air balloon "Minnesota" built by Saint Paul businessman William Markoe.

Lights, Camera, Action



A scene from a commercial which was shot on the corner of 4th and St. Peter, February 8 and 9 for Polaris. Watch your TV screen for

Job Openings as of February 26, 1999

Application Deadline	Title	Bi-weekly or Hourly Salary Rate	Exam Date
03/03/99	Custodian Engineer II - BOE	\$16.69 per hr	03/18/99
03/04/99	Custodian Engineer III - BOE (prom)	\$17.12 per hr	03/22/99
03/08/99	Custodian Engineer V - BOE (prom)	\$18.33 per hr	03/19/99
03/05/99	Fire Captain (prom)	\$1557.31	03/24/99
03/02/99	Engineering Aide II	\$1057.74	03/05/99
Open	House Custodian I (part-time)	\$7.00 per hr	TBN
03/01/99	Landscape Architect III (prom)	\$1657.14	TBN
03/10/99	Library Clerk (part-time)	\$9.00 per hr	03/26/99
03/01/99	Loan Specialist I	\$1196.90	03/19/99
Open	Ticket Sellers - RiverCentre (part-time)	\$5.50 per hr (in training)	TBN

****This is a walk-in-examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.**

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: (651) 266-6500 (TTY/TDD (651) 266-6501). For jobs announced after February 18, please call our 24-hour job line, (651) 266-6502.